



MINUTES

County Council Meeting

December 16, 2013

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, December 16, 2013, in the County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC, at 5:30 p.m. The following attended: Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman; Honorables Michael Brown, O'Neal Mintz, David Britt, Jane Hall, Dale Culbreth, and Roger Nutt, Council Members; along with Katherine O'Neill, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; Lisa Claxton, County Attorney; John Harris, Senior Deputy County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, Deputy County Attorney.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

I.

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order.

Invocation was rendered by Chaplain Jerry Clevenger. Honorable O'Neal Mintz led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Mintz adopt a Resolution expressing recognition and appreciation for the pride and honor bestowed upon Spartanburg County by the achievements of the Chesnee High School Cheerleaders in being named the South Carolina High School League 2A Competition Cheer State Champions. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Coach Allie Tyner, Assistant Coach Samantha Wood and Chesnee High School Cheerleaders received Resolution.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Nutt to adopt a Resolution congratulating and recognizing Phillip McIntyre for thirty years of dedicated service as Director of Bands at James F. Byrnes High School. Motion seconded by Mr. Culbreth and carried.

III.

Ms. Hubbard recognized Laurie Horton, Planning Department; Mike McGrath, Engineering Department; David Sellars, Engineering Department; Elaine Taylor, Assessor's Office; and Sherry Dull, Planning Department; for their excellent customer service. The following employees were recognized for helping with the conversion of Health Insurance: Tamie Price, Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (SADAC); Allison Poole, Internal Auditor; Jan Humphries, Purchasing; Calandra Hardy, Treasurer; Susan Hicks, Finance; Hope Goldman, Detention; Yvette Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation; Chanel Richardson, Community Development; Lisa Estes, Sheriff's Office; Sandy Gray, Sheriff's Office; Debbie Lanford, Finance; April Davis, Sheriff's Office; Cindy Cash, Environmental Enforcement; Deb Lavine, Environmental Enforcement; Lorena Pyhala, Sheriff's Office; Linda Pruitt, Finance; Janet Lowe, Finance; and Tony Bell, Director of Human Resources. Ms. O'Neill stated that she, along with Vice-Chairman Brown, attended the tenth graduation of the Spartanburg County Rookie Firefighter School. Ms. O'Neill gave Council some highlights over the last ten classes. The first class started in March of 2008. Fifteen students graduated from the Spartanburg County Rookie Firefighter School Class. To date, we have had 180 graduates. One hundred fifty-two of the graduates represented Spartanburg County Fire Departments. Of the 37 departments within Spartanburg County, 34 have had Rookie Firefighters representing their departments successfully complete the Rookie Firefighter Class at the Emergency Services Academy (ESA). Fifty-one fire departments representing Spartanburg, Greenville, Cherokee, Union, Laurens, and Anderson have had representation in the classes. Fifty to sixty percent of the graduates have since gained part-time or fulltime employment with fire departments in the Upstate. The total number of hours each student attends to be eligible for graduation is at least 300 hours. We have utilized 40 individual instructors to lecture, evaluate, and provide skill instructions through this class. Many of them have done this for no compensation. We average 11 instructors who participate in each class. Ms. O'Neill recognized Joel Lynn, Duncan Fire Department; Ron Nordenbrock, Poplar Springs Fire Department; David Smith, Poplar Springs Fire Department; for participating in all the classes. Ms. O'Neill also recognized John Alley, Hobbysville Fire Department; Barry Frost, Duncan Fire Department; Perry Gosnell, City of Spartanburg Fire Department; Doyle Holzheimer, City of Greer Fire Department; Brad Johnston, Parker Fire Department; and Nic Ray, North Spartanburg Fire Department. Phil Plexico, ESA Director, and Chris Massey, ESA Assistant Director, were also recognized.

IV.

- A. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Ordinance Number O-07-25 to revise the Decertification criteria

for Rehabilitated Historic Property subject to a Special Property Tax Assessment. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.

V.

Economic Recruitment and Development Committee – (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

Livability Committee – (Honorable Jane Hall, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Bill Barnet, Barnet Development, and Mr. Curt McPhail, Greenlab Strategies, presented information in reference to the Northside Initiative. (Presentation included in backup)
- B. Ms. Laura Ringo, Partners for Active Living, and Dr. Julian Reed, Furman University, presented information in reference to the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail and Wadsworth Trail.
- C. Mr. Jim Campbell, Interim Parks Director, presented information in reference to a Resolution to name Spartanburg County's property located at 5299 Clifton Glendale Road the "Clifton Park and Beach" and to permit erecting appropriate markers or signs for same. Motion made by Ms. Hall to adopt Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- D. Mr. Jim Campbell, Interim Parks Director, presented information in reference to a Parks Department grant to add striping to the Beech Springs Tennis Courts. Motion made by Ms. Hall to approve submittal of grant. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- E. Information received regarding activities of the Parks Department.

Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Dale Culbreth, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Stan Halliday, McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday & Co., presented the results of annual financial audit (fiscal year 2013). The presentation, the Auditors' Communication Letter, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, are included in backup.
- B. Ms. Katherine O'Neill, County Administrator, presented information in reference to a request from the Spartanburg Humane Society. The Humane Society requested Council's consideration of a loan agreement that involves the land that the County owns at their facility here in Spartanburg. Motion made by Mr. Culbreth to authorize the County Administrator to execute the loan agreement documents. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- C. Updated financial data and personnel vacancy reports were received.

Public Health and Human Services Committee (Honorable Roger Nutt, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

Public Safety and Judiciary Committee – (Honorable Michael Brown, Chairman)

- A. Updated information received regarding activities of Building Codes Department.

Land Use Committee (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

- A. Updated Planning Department Reports on Development Activity were received.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Committee (Honorable O'Neal Mintz, Chairman)

- A. Updated information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

VI.

Mr. Evan Mulch, 124 Stone Village Court, spoke during the public comment period.

VII.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement between Spartanburg County, South Carolina (the "County") and **Copac Global Packaging, Inc.**, acting for itself, one or more affiliates or other project sponsors (the "Company"), whereby the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes in connection with the expansion of certain facilities in the County (collectively, the "Expansion Project"); and (2) other matters relating thereto. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- B. Motion made by Ms. Hall to render second reading to an Ordinance amending Ordinance Number O-07-25 to revise the Decertification criteria for Rehabilitated Historic Property subject to a Special Property Tax Assessment. Motion seconded by Mr. Mintz and carried.

XIII.

No items scheduled.

IX.

All resolutions, ordinances, agreements, petitions and related documents which were read and approved by Council at this meeting for the financing of certain industrial or similar revenue bonds or notes, are incorporated in these minutes by reference as if fully set forth herein. The reference is to all such documents showing execution by the county on the date of this meeting included in the office of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County.

X.

- A. The following Budget Amendment Resolutions were provided to County Council. Budget Amendment Number 14141 sets up revenue received in the Forfeited Gambling Fund, State Forfeited Drug Fund and Federal Forfeited Drug Fund for October and November 2013. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 14142 – Official notification was received on November 22, 2013 that the Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (SADAC) was awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,700 to support the IMPACT Coalition Marketing Campaign. These monies are non-recurring grant funds to be used specifically for advertising and marketing. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 14143 allows for the closure of completed C-Fund projects. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 14144 accepts the Local Emergency Management Performance (LEMPG) Supplemental Grant for \$11,100 and sets up the necessary revenue and expenditure accounts. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 14145 sets up the grant award for the following Sheriff Grant: Law Enforcement Network (LEN) Mini Grant 2JC14007. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 14146 authorizes the transfers of funds from the GIS department in General Fund to the special revenue fund, SPATS department. This transfer will allow for the purchase of ARcGIS software for Image Servers. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 14147 sets up the grant agreements for the following SC Department of Commerce grants: 1) Governors Closing Fund Grant C-13-2230 for Heiche US Surface Technologies LP 2) Economic Development Set-Aside Grant C-14-2256 for Copac, Inc 3) Economic Development Set-Aside Grant C-14-2267 for Divatex Home Fashions Inc. These are economic development pass-through grants. Budget Amendment Resolution Number 14148 sets up the revenue and expenditure accounts for the insurance reimbursement of a totaled Sheriff's Office vehicle.

Ms. O'Neill stated Budget Amendment Resolution Number 14144 was revised and accepts the Local Emergency Management Performance (LEMPG) Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$11,100 instead of the \$17,000 shown on the original Budget Amendment Resolution.

Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt the Budget Amendment Resolutions provided to Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Culbreth and carried.

XI.


Motion made by Mr. Mintz to approve the minutes of November 14, 2013 (Economic Recruitment and Development Committee Emergency Meeting) and November 18, 2013 (Regular Meeting). Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.

XIII.


Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____


Jeffrey A. Horton, Chairman

Attest:


Deborah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council